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## WARMSPRINGS BONDS TO BE PUT ON THE MARKET

ONLY PORTION OF TOTAL ISSUE TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT THIS TIME.

### WILL ERECT RESERVOIR DAM

Following Submission of Details of Formation of District to Circuit Court Bids to Be Called for—Bids to be Opened October 2.

Bids for the purchase of the Warm-springs Irrigation district bonds for the construction of the dam at the mouth of the canyon will be advertised this week. Only \$390,000 worth of the bonds voted for so overwhelmingly at the election on August 15 will be offered for sale at this time.

This was the action determined upon at a meeting of the directors of the district at Vale on Monday afternoon. It was decided that since approval had been secured for the issue of the bonds that no delay be had in getting the work started.

The first step toward initiating the sale of the bonds determined upon was that of having the circuit court pass upon the legal phases of the formation of the district, the voting of the bonds and other matters pertaining thereto. It was then decided that only sufficient funds be secured at this time for the building of the dam across the canyon to provide for the necessary storage of water. The bonds to be sold for this purpose was placed at \$390,000.

Since it will not be necessary to have the laterals increased or extended until the work on the reservoir is well underway toward completion the directors determined that there was no need of having interest charges running on the total issue until the money could actually be at work. Therefore the sale of the balance of \$750,000 the full amount authorized will take place at a later date.

According to the notice for the call for bids they will be opened on October 2 and since tentative offers have already been received it is the belief of the directors that work can be started in the not distant future.

The directors present at the meeting on Monday were: President, James Harvey, A. W. Trow, C. W. Mallett, R. E. Weant and Secretary John Rigby. Director George McLaughlin was absent.

## PHONE MERGER BETTER SERVICE

Baker and Malheur County Telephone Company Ads to Its Lines Thus Better to Serve Public.

New means of communication between the Brogan and Jamieson country and Baker, is foreseen in the purchase by E. T. Beers of Baker of 38 miles of the telephone line of the Ironside-Vale Telephone company's holdings. The newly acquired property is to be used as a branch of the Baker and Malheur county telephone company's line, Mr. Beers being a heavy stockholder of the corporation. C. H. Morfitt is president of the company.

The additional line, which was taken over by Mr. Beers during a trip into Malheur county last week, is in badly need of repair, and a force of men was sent out today to put everything in first class condition and to make all needed repairs.

Hitherto, messages sent to the interior country usually had to be relayed through Vale, but by the new combination, direct communication will be possible. Telephone men predict increased commercial as well as telephone business for Baker, as the result.—Baker Herald.

Rev. D. E. Baker spent Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Evans out on the farm.

## STOCK EXHIBITS TO BREAK ALL RECORDS

EARLY DEMAND FOR STALL RESERVATIONS INDICATES RECORD BREAKING EXHIBITS.

### MANY NEW EXHIBITORS ADDED

Hereford Herds Will Be Especially Large While Big Percheron Horses Are Coming—Idaho Breeders to Furnish Competition.

"It is indeed very gratifying to have our county fair showing so much early progress," says W. W. Howard, county agricultural agent. "At this early date many stall reservations for horses, cattle and hogs have been made."

"W. H. Howard of Parma, Idaho, the consistent breeder of Percheron horses and Poland China hogs, has written stating that he will be on hand again this year with a finer exhibit than ever. He is a consistent showman as well as breeder and the kind of man that we like to welcome at our show."

"Roy Williams, manager of the K. S. & D. ranch, came in the other day to inquire of the condition of things about the fair. He has a large number of pure-bred Herefords, and Percheron horses to show this year. These will be his first entries at our fair; but he has a large number to pick from, and has the knowledge to pick with. We are glad to call people's attention to this stock, for we want more farmers to start breeding the right kind of live stock."

"Other Parma hog breeders of note who have also signified that they will be on hand this year are: C. H. Kirkpatrick, who has the name of breeding famous Duroc Jersey hogs, and L. M. Birch, who will compete with Mr. Howard with Poland China hogs. All of the above stock breeders are raising good stuff, and they have good blooded stock for sale. Every farmer must have good stock in order to make the farm pay and so look these men up at our County Fair."

#### Local Exhibitors Busy.

"The local exhibitors are also very busy. The Boulevard Grange has taken up the community exhibit proposition with its usual vigor, and are tearing into the proposition with a

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## PERFECT PLANS FOR OWYHEE DISTRICT

OWYHEE IRRIGATION DISTRICT FORMED FOR BENEFIT OF PRODUCTIVE LAND.

### BIG DAM IS TO BE ERECTED

Owyhee River to Be Source of Water Supply—Storage Capacity of 100,000 Acre Feet Contemplated. Plans Sent to State Engineer.

For the purpose of putting water on 25,000 acres of rich Malheur county land in the vicinity of Nyssa the Owyhee Irrigation district was formed last week. Following the formal organization the plans for the project were forwarded to John R. Lewis, state engineer, for his examination which must be made under the law within 90 days.

If Mr. Lewis' report approves the project, as the Nyssa residents hope he will, it is the purpose of the projectors of the district to call a special election to vote the necessary bonds to complete the work.

The land under this project starts at Mitchell Butte, southwest of Nyssa and extends a mile northwest of Nyssa. Included in the project is a fine body of 5000 acres of land on the south side of the Owyhee river, to build big dam.

It is proposed to build a dam 70 feet high at Duncan Ferry, on the Owyhee river, behind which the flood water of the Owyhee river is to be impounded. The capacity of the reservoir behind this dam is 100,000 acre feet of water, which is ample to furnish plenty of water for the full irrigation season each year for all the land under the project.

The water from the reservoir will be made to run down the Owyhee river to a point three miles south of Mitchell Butte, where a diversion dam 70 feet high is to be built. At this point the water of the river is to be diverted into the irrigating system.

Fifteen thousand of the 25,000 in the project comes under the gravity system, the other 10,000 acres comes under a pumping plant. It is planned to build a power plant at the diversion dam and develop sufficient electrical power for operating the pumps to lift the water for the 10-

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## DENSE SMOKE SERVES TO BAFFLE FIRE FIGHTERS

PLAGUE OF CHILDREN COMES STILL NEARER

Two deaths in the neighborhood of Idaho from Infantile Paralysis has aroused the authorities to investigate conditions there in an effort to check its spread. Reports from east indicate that the epidemic is running its course. Health authorities still urge parents with children to avoid travel to infected regions.

SUNDAY MORNING BLAZE DAMAGES STOCK OF CASH BAZAAR.

### ORIGIN OF FIRE IS UNKNOWN

The No Flames Are Seen Smoke Poured From Building—Chemicals and Water Used to Save Building—Protected by Insurance.

Dense clouds of smoke pouring from the building gave Fire Chief Harry Farmer and his fire fighters a real job last Sunday morning subduing the fire which damaged the stock of the Cash Bazaar. By the use of both chemicals and water the firemen squelched the fire and succeeded in confining it to the single store room in the block owned by T. H. Moore.

The principle damage done was that to the stock of the Cash Bazaar owned by Edward O. Christensen, and to the stock of cash doors and other material owned by Rasmussen & Co., of Portland. There was also, of course, considerable damage done to the building. The exact amount of the damage was not determined but will be arrived at when the adjusters view the result on Friday.

How the fire started is a mystery. It is believed that it started in the rear of the store near the partition where a pile of straw and other material used in packing dishes was heaped from a recent shipment of goods received by Mr. Christensen. Defective wiring and other causes might have started the fire for there is nothing to indicate a positive origin.

Mr. Christensen was not in the city when the fire took place, he having left in the morning for Boise and the fire started shortly after 11 a. m. On his return to view the loss and look after its adjustment he did not know whether or not he would re-open the store but expects to determine that matter soon. Mr. Christensen carried \$2,500 insurance on the stock and fixtures he owned and there was \$1,400 insurance to protect the property of the Rasmussen company. The building was also insured.

## EAST IS ENJOYING WAR PROSPERITY

R. W. Swagler Returns From Lengthy Sojourn in East and Middle West.

"Never in the history of the country has there been such great prosperity as is now being enjoyed along the Atlantic seaboard," says Attorney R. W. Swagler who returned last Saturday from a lengthy trip thru the east and middle west. Mrs. Swagler, who accompanied him, remained in Minneapolis for a longer stay with relatives.

"Of course the immense war orders for munitions and all kinds of goods to feed and clothe all the belligerent nations who cannot now provide their own wants is the reason for the immense prosperity of the east," observed Mr. Swagler.

"I learned that so great is the scarcity of labor that manufacturing plants are bidding for men by raising wages to induce men to leave their competitors and that men looking for work are scarcer than the proverbial hen's teeth."

"While the east is rolling in wealth

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## VALE'S BABY WEEK EXCITING INTEREST

Quality Not Beauty to Count in Baby Exhibit—Every Baby Is Wanted for Contest.

The ladies of the Civic Improvement club of Vale are very busy perfecting plans for the annual Better Babies Eugenic Test which is to be held at Vale September 6, 7 and 8.

This is a popular yet scientific movement to insure better babies and a better race. It consists of entering, examining and awarding medals to children from one to four years of age on exactly the same basic principles as are applied to live stock at stock shows. Quality counts: mere beauty does not count, as mental and physical development, only, are considered.

The better baby contest insures a better race of Americans because it teaches parents how to improve the physical condition of children already born and to protect those yet unborn. It arouses interest in the conservation of child life and health and in all forms of child welfare.

The club has secured splendid buildings in which to hold the contest and exhibit, and every effort is being made to interest parents all over Malheur county, in the real benefit they and their children may derive from attending the contest and having an opportunity to learn the most approved methods of experts who have made a study of child welfare.

Miss Ann Tonningson of Boise a niece of Mrs. H. C. Whitworth of the Carter House of this city, has accepted a position as trained nurse in one of the government hospitals in Manila, P. I., and would sail for the Philippine city soon to be gone for three years.

## NATIONAL SPEAKERS TO ADDRESS VOTERS

Republican Central Committee Lays Plans for Big Rallies at Ontario, Vale and Nyssa.

In line with the general campaign to place the position of the republican party on national questions squarely before the people the Malheur county central committee is preparing plans for monster rallies at Ontario, Vale and Nyssa.

At each of these places the committee plans on securing speakers of national reputation, as well as men of state wide fame. Thruout the county, too, the committee intends that meetings shall be held with the best speakers available so that every voter will know exactly what are the policies for which the party stands in national, state and county affairs.

This decision was reached at a meeting of the committee held Monday evening at Vale, at which most of the committeemen and candidates for county offices were present. E. G. Bailey of Ontario, Judge George McKnight of Vale and C. C. Wilson of Nyssa were named as the committee to secure the speakers.

J. R. Blackaby returned this week from a visit to Portland and other cities in the Willamette valley. "There is every indication," says Mr. Blackaby, "that business is in good condition there and would be better if there were more means of shipping lumber products."

## ISN'T HE THE HANDSOME MAN!



—Lanning in Providence Bulletin.